

REMARKS

Applicants thank Examiner Paschall for taking the time to conduct the interview held at the USPTO on April 26, 2006. The Examiner stated at the conclusion of the interview that he would issue the Interview Summary in due course. Briefly, the Examiner stated in the Interview Summary that the claims as presented set forth a dielectric break or spacer that is protected from the plasma. The Examiner stated that he would review the prior art and conduct an updated search for this feature and that the claims would be allowable over the prior art if the same feature is absent in the prior art.

Applicants hereby cancel claims 1-55, amend claims 56 and 57 and add new claims 59-66. Support for the claim amendments and new claims 59-66 can be found at least at pages 14-15 and Figures 3-5 of Applicants' specification.

Information Disclosure Statement/PTO 1449 Forms

Applicants have not yet received initialed copies of the PTO-1449 forms submitted to the USPTO on October 20, 2003 and January 9, 2004. Applicants request initialed copies of the PTO-1449 forms previously submitted in connection with this application in the next Office action. For the Examiner's convenience, new copies of these PTO-1449 forms were provided in Applicants' Amendment and Response dated March 8, 2006 along with a copy of the return receipt postcard stamped by the USPTO acknowledging receipt of the PTO-1449 forms.

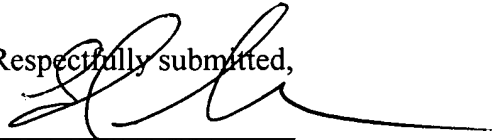
New Claims 59 - 66

Support for new claims 59-66 can be found at least at pages 14-15 and Figures 3-5 of Applicants' specification. Applicants submit that new claims 59-66 are also in condition for allowance.

Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration of all pending claims in due course. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation with Applicants' attorney would expedite allowance of this application, the Examiner is cordially invited to call the undersigned attorney at (617) 526-9712.

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